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Paul Black and Colin Gallimore from Proctor & Gamble present the cheque to Clare Unsworth and Hanna Lancaster from the hospice

WORKERS at a Skelmersdale company have made a £500 donation to a hospice in memory of a work colleague's parents and in recognition of its work.

Staff at Procter & Gamble in Pinfold Place donated the funds in the names of Ronnie and Brenda Gallimore who were both cared for at the inpatient unit at Wigan & Leigh Hospice.

The couple's son Colin, a finance analyst at the consumer goods firm, nominated the hospice as a recipient of the community matters fund which all employees contribute to.

The 44–year–old said: "My dad was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2001 and spent the last week being cared for in the hospice. And in May 2013 my mum was also cared for at hospice after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

"A lot of people who I work with know how much the hospice does for local people and I'm really grateful to them for making this donation possible."

Maxine Armstrong, fundraising and lottery manager at the hospice, said: "We are very grateful to Colin and to his colleagues at Procter & Gamble for recognising the work of the hospice and for making this donation."

Town centre regeneration saga takes new turn

ST MODWEN COULD BE 'ON SITE THIS YEAR'

Report by **Henry James**

STEVEN Knowles, new North West regional director of developers, St Modwen, the company behind proposals to regenerate Skelmersdale town centre, has said that, subject to planning consent, they hope to be "on site" in the town "later this year."

Mr Knowles was speaking following the announcement of record profits for St Modwen for the the year ending November 30, 2014.

He said: "We have responded to changing market conditions by submitting a new planning application for Skelmersdale Town Centre, which will bring 100,000 sq ft of essential new retail, leisure and entertainment facilities to the town, including a cinema operated by Reel.

"Our proposals will act as a catalyst for further investment and improvements to the town and are expected to create in excess of 500 jobs.

"Subject to planning consent, we hope to be on site later this year."

West Lancs Council received the planning application from St Modwen for the Skelmersdale town centre regeneration scheme in late–October 2014.

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A computer–generated image of how the St Modwen scheme would look

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Public views sought on strategy to revitalise Ormskirk town centre

RESIDENTS are being invited to have their say on a new document which West Lancs Council chiefs hope will help to 'shape a successful and vibrant future for Ormskirk town centre'.

The draft town centre strategy has been developed with the aim of driving growth to ensure that Ormskirk can remain attractive and competitive as our high streets change.

The council believe that with schemes such as refreshing the pedestrianised area in Moor Street coming forward, there is renewed desire and energy to help revitalise the town centre and say the draft strategy aims to guide and help deliver these changes.

Key issues identified include how Ormskirk Market can diversify and attract more shoppers, for example by having local produce markets, arts and crafts traders and stalls for student traders from Edge Hill University.

Some of the main proposals covered in the strategy include:

• Developing a website dedicated to Ormskirk town centre and utilising social media.

• Developing a brand, marketing campaign and improving the management of the town centre.

• Improving and enhancing the appearance and appeal of the town centre, including making the most of the town's historic character.

• Reviewing car parking to ensure that a range of parking solutions are provided and considering providing free car parking for shorter periods of time.

• Improving transport and access arrangement in the town.

• Looking to improve the evening/night–time economy to create a vibrant and safe environment after 5pm, including the introduction of food and drink festivals.

• Improving the amount of data held about the town centre, including considering the introduction of a new footfall monitoring system.

The consultation will last until Tuesday, April 14 and members of the public can find out more about the strategy and how to have their say at four events where council staff will be available to answer questions.

These are being held as follows:

Monday, February 9 from 10.30am to 3pm at The Hub, Edge Hill University;

Thursday, February 19, 11am–4pm, Chapel Gallery, St Helens Road;

Thursday, February 26, 11am–4pm, Ormskirk Library, Burscough Street;

Monday, March 2, 4–7pm, Ormskirk Library;

Tuesday, March 10, 9.30am–1pm and 3–6.30pm, Morrisons Supermarket, Park Road, Ormskirk;

Monday, March 16, 4–7pm, Ormskirk Library.

To request a printed questionnaire contact the council's economic regeneration unit on 01695 585122 or email info.edu@westlancs.gov.uk.

Councillor David Griffiths, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for town and village centres, said: "Ormskirk provides a good offer to visitors and people living in the town with its great history, thriving market, shops, restaurants and fantastic events such as Ormskirk MotorFest. But our strategy can help make it an even better place now and well into the future.

"Everyone can give their views as we want to have the best possible strategy. But we particularly want Ormskirk people to take part in this process as they can give us their invaluable insight on the town in which they live."

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Company behind town regeneration scheme 'hope to be on site this year'

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A spokesman for the council commented: "The application is currently being considered by officers. It is too early at the present time to confirm whether the application is likely to be presented to the planning committee on Thursday, February 26."

Under the proposals, a new high street will link the existing town centre to the new £26m college, environmental improvements will be made to the Tawd Valley at the heart of the scheme and a new night–time economy will be introduced.

Residents and businesses are invited to attend West Lancashire College on Wednesday, February 11 to learn more about the scheme and its delivery.

The information event will run between noon and 5pm and a tour of the site will take place at 3.30pm.

Paul Batho, projects director at St Modwen, said: "As the scheme moves closer to fruition we are looking forward to seeing members of the community to showcase what we have been working on and to unveil the future transformation of Skelmersdale as a whole."

Man who killed brother could face life sentence

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A 31–YEAR–OLD man who has admitted killing his brother may face a life sentence, a court heard on Monday (February 2).

Mark Lowe denies murdering 33–year–old Wayne Lowe, whose body was found in a house in Southport and his guilty plea to manslaughter on the basis of lack of control was accepted.

Sentence on Lowe, of Beechtrees, Skelmersdale, was adjourned until Monday, February 16 and he was further remanded in custody.

Judge Clement Goldstone, QC, the Recorder of Liverpool, warned Lowe: "The only issue for the court's consideration is whether you should be dealt with as a dangerous offender and liable for an extended sentence or life sentence. I am not saying either option will be followed by the court but they have to be considered."

The victim's body was found in Linaker Street, Southport, on Sunday, September 7. A post–mortem examination concluded that the cause of death was blunt force head and neck trauma.

MP's surgery date

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper is holding an advice surgery for constituents on Frriday, February 27 at the Malthouse Business Centre in Ormskirk.

The surgery appointments begin at 4pm and must be booked in advance.

To make an appointment contact Rosie Cooper MP in writing at Suite 108 Malthouse Business Centre, 48 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1QR; by telephone: on 01695 570094 or via email at rosie@rosiecooper.net

Council teams up with 'neighbours' in bid to boost borough economy

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE borough council has teamed up with neighbouring authorities to develop strategies to improve the economy in West Lancashire.

West Lancs Council recently joined the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRA) as an associate member to help put the borough in a better position to take advantage of opportunities for economic growth, skills development and the creation of new jobs.

Council leader and portfolio holder for regeneration, Councillor David Westley, attended the LCRCA meeting with the council's managing director, Kim Webber.

The agenda looked at a number of issues of importance to businesses in West Lancashire, including the development of a long–term freight strategy, investment into the region and investment in skills.

Councillor Westley said: "Our involvement with the LCRCA enables us to have a say on emerging strategies aimed at boosting the local economy with benefits for West Lancashire and the Liverpool City Region. This helps make jobs more secure and creates new ones, which benefits us all.

"It was a very interesting meeting and we have learned a lot already. I am sure our membership will help West Lancashire prosper well into the future."

Festival helps pupils bridge generation gap at library

KIND–hearted schoolchildren joined with elderly residents to enjoy a Memory Festival at Skelmersdale Library.

Activities at the event, aimed at older people, included reminiscence group talks, poems, memory boxes, 1960s–style dresses and old children's items including spinning tops and an old school satchel!

Lesley Malone, events organiser at Hillcroft residential and care home in Aughton, invited children from two schools which had previously teamed up with the Long Lane home for creative projects to 'buddy' up with residents.

The children from St Richard's Catholic Primary in Skelmersdale and Lathom High attended dementia awareness sessions at the library and enjoyed the activities with the residents and members of the public before a meal including traditional chip–shop chips wrapped in newspaper.

Pupils from St Richard's Catholic Primary School and Lathom High students at the Memory Festival hosted by Skelmersdale Library with councillors and library staff. Code1076621

Mum pushes for more safety measures at black spot

A MOTHER who has campaigned for safety improvements to a motorway accident 'black spot' which claimed the life of her son, has welcomed recent resurfacing work but vowed to continue to push for further measures to be implemented.

Susan Davies contacted the Champion to highlight the problems with the stretch of the M58 between Junctions 1 and 3, which passes through West Lancashire, after father–of–three David Dale from Aughton died when his car left the carriageway about a mile from Junction 1.

That accident on December 26 last year was one or more than 30 on that stretch of motorway in the last three years. Susan's son, Robert was killed on the same stretch in August 2011 and a subsequent investigation revealed that his accident may have been caused by excess water on the carriageway.

The Highways Agency carried out resurfacing work on the stretch over the weekend January 23 to 25 but Susan fears it might be a case of too little, too late.

She said: "I have been calling for a crash barrier for the last 18 months. I am pleased that the Highways Agency have finally resurfaced the road but if they had done this work 18 months ago, perhaps there might not have been so many accidents – and a second fatality.

"Over the last three or four years the agency has largely ignored this stretch. It needs lighting, a crash barrier and more signs warning about flooding after rainfall.

"The worst injuries and the fatalities result when cars go through the fence and down the embankment, so the barrier is the most important part of the campaign for me."

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Charity plans to expand services thanks to lottery grant funding

Report by **Henry James**

A SKELMERSDALE–based charity which works with young people aged 13 to 25 to prevent homelessness and improve wellbeing has announced plans to expand its services after being awarded a £500,000 Big Lottery grant.

The Birchwood Centre opened its doors to the general public at its annual general meeting when Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson was among the dignitaries attending.

Centre manager, Stella Connell, reported that the charity was flourishing with many new major projects in the pipeline, including an extended and improved provision of its mediation services.

These will now be offered to young people throughout West Lancashire, as well as Skelmersdale.

Stella explained: "Birchwood is delighted to have received a Big Lottery grant which will develop and expand our prevention of homelessness, mediation and advice service across West Lancashire.

"Funding is for five years and recognises the positive impact mediation can have on families and communities.

"The 'Mediation Makes a Difference' project will begin working with young people, families and communities in 2015."

Dianne Hodgson the chair of Birchwood's trustees, added: "Birchwood has had an amazing impact on the situation of young people in Skelmersdale and last year began a pilot scheme of mediation services made available at the library, Ecumenical Centre, West Lancashire College and, of course, at the Birchwood Centre.

Supporters of the Birchwood charity Angela Redmore, Chris Aitken and Joy Dooley

"As a direct result of the outstanding success of this venture, Birchwood has been rewarded with the Big Lottery Grant which will allow them to offer immeasurable assistance to anyone in West Lancashire who needs our help.

"It is clearly a recognition by the National Lottery of the fabulous work the Birchwood and its team deliver to the people of West Lancashire."

Stella Connell concluded: "This is just the start. We have many more innovative developments to offer to our community and we plan to increase our accommodation provision and support services. At this time I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

"And last, but by no means least, I would like to acknowledge the commit-ment, support and advice I receive from the chair and the board of trustees, who volunteer their time freely. My thanks to them for giving their energy, effort and time which is greatly appreciated by everyone associated with Birchwood."

Team GB call–up for Men–aces star Martin

Report by **Henry James**

A MEMBER of the Skem–Menaces disability football team has been chosen to represent Great Britain in a Mencap European Football Tournament in Geneva.

Martin Makin impressed selectors at a trials event in Yorkshire and he follows in the footsteps of teammate, Matthew Coppell, who went to the Euros last year.

The 28–year–old has been chosen as one of a squad of 15.

Martin plays predominately in a centre–back role for the Men–aces but for Team GB may play in other positions as he is adaptable.

He was one of five Men–aces players who took part in the trials, the others being James Hughes, Matthew Coppell, Kevin Urquhart, and Haydan Pulford.

Manager of Skem Men–aces, Carl Eaton, said: "Martin was so happy. He was engulfed by his teammates and all the way home he was congratulated, as well as the other four. We are very proud of them all.

"Matthew came back from the Euros with glowing reports and this alone gives the Men–aces a good name in the football circle and now Martin will be carrying on our good name when he flies out to Geneva in May."

The Skem–Menaces players were competing for places against players from across the country.

Amazing

Carl added: "We left for the trials on the coldest day of the year but the cold didn't deter the lads and they just wanted to get on the pitches.

"When we arrived, they were put into groups and did various training sessions under the careful eye of the European coaches.

"Then several matches were played and all the players were taken into the sports hall and they sat eagerly waiting the results of the coaches' findings.

"When the final 15 were read out by Mark Summers, the team GB manager, it was very tense and players began fidgeting. Then Martin's name was read out it and it echoed around the room along with cheers and applause. It was an amazing feeling and the rest of the Men–aces congratulated him.

"All five lads deserve a massive pat on their backs as the level of football that was witnessed was breathtaking. The conduct of the lads, their positive attitude, and manners also need applauding."

Martin Makin

Library Friends group launched

A NEW group has been set up to promote Skelmersdale Library.

The Friends of Skelmersdale Library aims to increase awareness of library activities and to raise funds to pay for activities and events for the benefit of the local community, particularly children.

The group is open to anyone to join. Membership forms can be obtained from the website www.FOSL.uk or from the library.

Membership is just £1 per year and for that members will be kept informed of all activities and events throughout the year.

Meanwhile, members of the public are invited to join the friends at their Valentine's Cake & Cards event at the library in Southway on Saturday, February 14 between 10.30 and 11.30am.

Children will be able to take part in decorating cakes and making Valentine's cards for their parents, grandparents or other favourite relatives or friends.

Refreshments will be available for a small donation and all are welcome.

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Company bosses invited to business–boosting initiative

WEST Lancs Council chiefs are urging local company bosses to attend a special business and stakeholder event to be held in the borough next Wednesday, February 11 where they can learn more about a major strategy that aims to help create new jobs and boost growth.

The local authority is currently working on a West Lancashire Economic Development Strategy and want to hear people's views on the draft strategy as part of a public consultation to help them prepare the final document.

The 10–year blueprint aims to ensure the borough's businesses can take full advantage of the opportunities created by initiatives such as Liverpool Superport and from the Local Enterprise Partnerships in Liverpool and Lancashire.

Report by **Henry James**

Companies in West Lancashire can find out more about the draft strategy at the free consultation event for businesses and public sector partners at the Best Western Lancashire Manor Hotel in Prescott Road, Skelmersdale on February 11 from 8 to 10.30am.

Speakers will talk about the draft strategy, the West Lancashire Economy Study which helped guide the strategy, and the latest on the Liverpool Superport.

There will also be a chance to ask questions and share views on the consultation and to network with other businesses.

To register for the event visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/businessevents.

West Lancs Council leader and portfolio holder for regeneration, Councillor David Westley, said: "I would urge company bosses to come to this special event where they find out more about our very important plan.

"New jobs and economic growth will benefit us all, and we want business people to take an active part in the consultation process for the strategy as they can give us their own special insight."

To read the draft strategy and have your say visit the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews.

The public consultation runs until Wednesday, February 25.

Councillor David Westley

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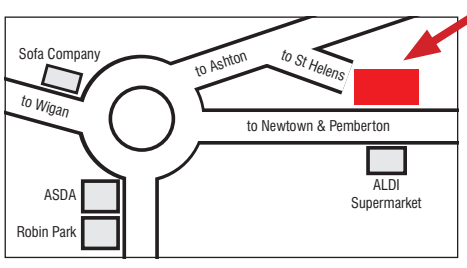

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Borough firms urged to enter digital awards

By **Danielle Thompson**

BUSINESSES in West Lancashire are being invited to enter a contest for digital companies which have excelled in the North of England.

The 17th annual Big Chip Awards – organised by Manchester Digital, the independent trade association for digital business in the North West – recognise digital companies and creative agencies from the Scottish Borders down to Derbyshire, as well as any businesses or organisations that have undertaken digital initiatives in the past year.

This can include everything from a company website to a mobile application.

There are 22 categories in total, of which five are new this year.

The new categories are Best B2B E–business Project, Best B2C E–business Project, Best Use of Content Marketing, Most Innovative Application of Technology and Best Game.

Business owners have until Monday, March 16 to enter and a short–list will be announced on Thursday, April 30.

Last year there were more than 300 entries from 160 different organisations.

Chair of the Big Chip steering group and secretary of Manchester Digital, Shaun Fensom, said: "It gives me great pleasure to announce the 17th Big Chip Awards. We've got some great new categories and a fantastic judging panel of different industry experts, so we're expecting plenty of entries.

"The Big Chip Awards is a brilliant platform to celebrate the excellence of the digital sector in West Lancashire. This wonderful part of the world is emerging as an important digital sphere and the awards celebrate this and the diversity of the sector."

Entries can be submitted at bigchipawards.com. The first two entries are free, subsequent entries cost £95.

Shaun Femson speaking at last year's Big Chip Awards

WI group seeks to recruit new members

A LOCAL branch of the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK is seeking to recruit new members.

The next monthly meeting of the Bickerstaffe Women's Institute will be held on Monday, February 23 at the village's Four Ends Mission.

This will include a meal starting at 7.30pm and any women interested in joining the group are welcome to go aong.

The Women's Institute was formed in 1915 originally to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War.

Since then the organisation has broadened its aims and seeks to provide women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

The Bickerstaffe group always meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the mission.

Irene McCarthy from the WI said: "We are welcoming new members. If anyone is interested then they can just come along and attend the next meeting."

Young divers make a splash

A TEAM of talented divers from West Lancashire really made a splash when they emerged victorious in a triangular tournament.

The youngsters, all members of the Diving 4 Fun club who train at Nye Bevan swimming pool in Skelmersdale, took on rivals from the Bury Dragons and Blackpool Wyre clubs in the Flip and Fun North West diving competition staged at Manchester.

The Diving 4 Fun team scooped nine of the 18 medals up for grabs, making them the overall winners with Blackpool Wyre winning six and Bury Dragons three.

Gold medal winners for the Diving 4 Fun squad were eight–year–old Ryan Shaw and six–year–olds, Huw McCarthy and Kate Gardner. Leon Ferra, 10 and and five–year–old Madisson Williams took silver, while Elizabeth McGlinchey, 13, Olivia Sumner, 12, Jenna Byrne, 10 and seven–year–old Ryan Ferra, all achieved bronze medals.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Carlos Ferra from Diving 4 Fun said: "As per our strategy, Diving 4 Fun targeted divers who had podium potential and identified divers of different ages who would gain valuable competition experience in this contest on their training and competing path.

"We won a grand total of nine medals to be the overall winning team. However, the team members who did not achieve medals still achieved 85% of their best performance, which is outstanding, so I am very proud of the whole team."

• Above, right: Members of the Diving 4 Fun team with their certificates and medals

Burglaries prompt warning

POLICE are warning people to be on their guard and make sure their properties are properly secured following a recent spate of burglaries in the Skelmersdale area.

Officers say thieves are targeting houses, garages, sheds and outbuildings for items of high value, such as tools, bicycles and televisions.

A spokesman for Lancashire Constabulary said: "The local neighbourhood policing teams have been working hard to address this problem but they need your help to keep the community safe.

"Many of these burglaries are happening when windows and doors have been left insecure and we are asking residents to be vigilant and to make sure that your property is locked up before going out and all windows are closed.

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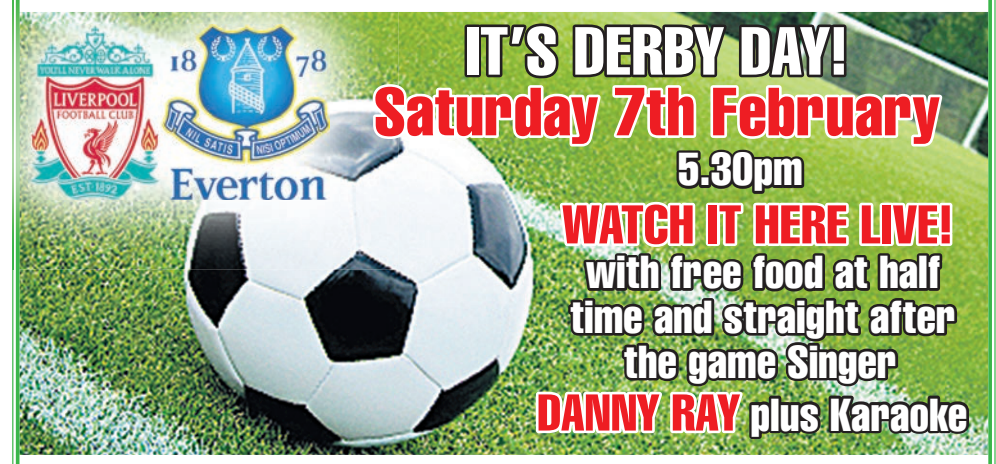

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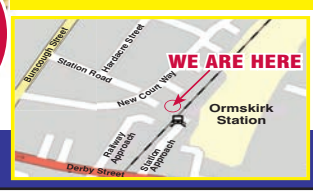

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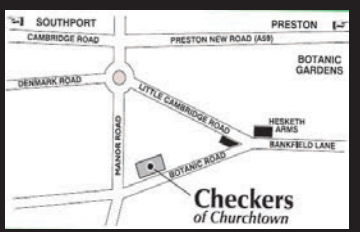

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Constabulary sign up 59 new recruits

Report by
Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has welcomed 59 new officers, who will now shadow experienced officers as they work across the borough.

Warrant cards were handed out to the new officers at attestation ceremonies earlier this month.

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw and chief constable, Steve Finnigan opened up external recruitment for new PCs last year.

The officers are now two weeks into their initial training and as well as shadowing officers they are being trained in investigative interview techniques and undertaking Crime Scene Investigation training.

The commissioner said: "It has been several years since Lancashire Constabulary was able to open up recruitment externally and the demand the force received from people wanting to join was phenomenal.

Clive Grunshaw

"All of our new officers have done exceptionally well to make it through the recruitment process and I now wish them the best of luck as they embark on their initial training. They should be very proud of themselves.

"The roles they will play in Lancashire will be vital. They will be responsible for keeping the public safe, upholding the highest standards of honesty and integrity and representing Lancashire Constabulary in our communities. I hope they will all be a real asset to the force."

Nineteen of the new recruits have already studied a foundation degree in policing at the University of Central Lancashire and will undertake a three–week 'bridging' course while the remaining recruits will complete a full 21–week training course.

After that they will spend 10 weeks working with a tutor constable before being assessed and signed off for independent patrol.

Before they are officially confirmed in post, all new officers are required to complete a two–year probationary period which includes an additional three development courses at the constabulary's Hutton HQ.

June takes West Lancs inspector role

JUNE Chessell is the new geographical inspector for West Lancs.

Inspector Chessell has more than 20 years' experience with a background in CID and response policing and is a public order commander.

She said: "This is a great time to take over the day–to–day control of West Lancashire and build on the good work done by my predecessor.

"These are challenging times in policing and my priority will be to ensure that I manage resources effectively against the threat and risk.

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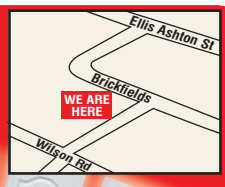

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Donation boost for community hub

Report by **Henry James**

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Erica Sharrock, community life champion from the Asda Skelmersdale depot went along to the Greenhill Community Hub and presented Les and Jeanette Newman with a cheque for £200 donated from the Asda Foundation.

The Greenhill Community Hub, based in Beech Close, Lancaster Cresent, close to the depot, was nominated for the Chosen By You vote.

Les and Jeanette who run and volunteer at the hub, provide a 'community lunch' every Wednesday to local residents.

The couple, pictured here holding the cheque, are going to use the funds to buy a commercial–sized electric griddle for the kitchen, which will help them to make and sell cooked food in their new cafe and at fundraising events in the future.

There are many activities and groups at the Greenhill Community Hub, which is open to people of all ages and abilities, as well as two halls that can be hired out for functions such as children's parties.

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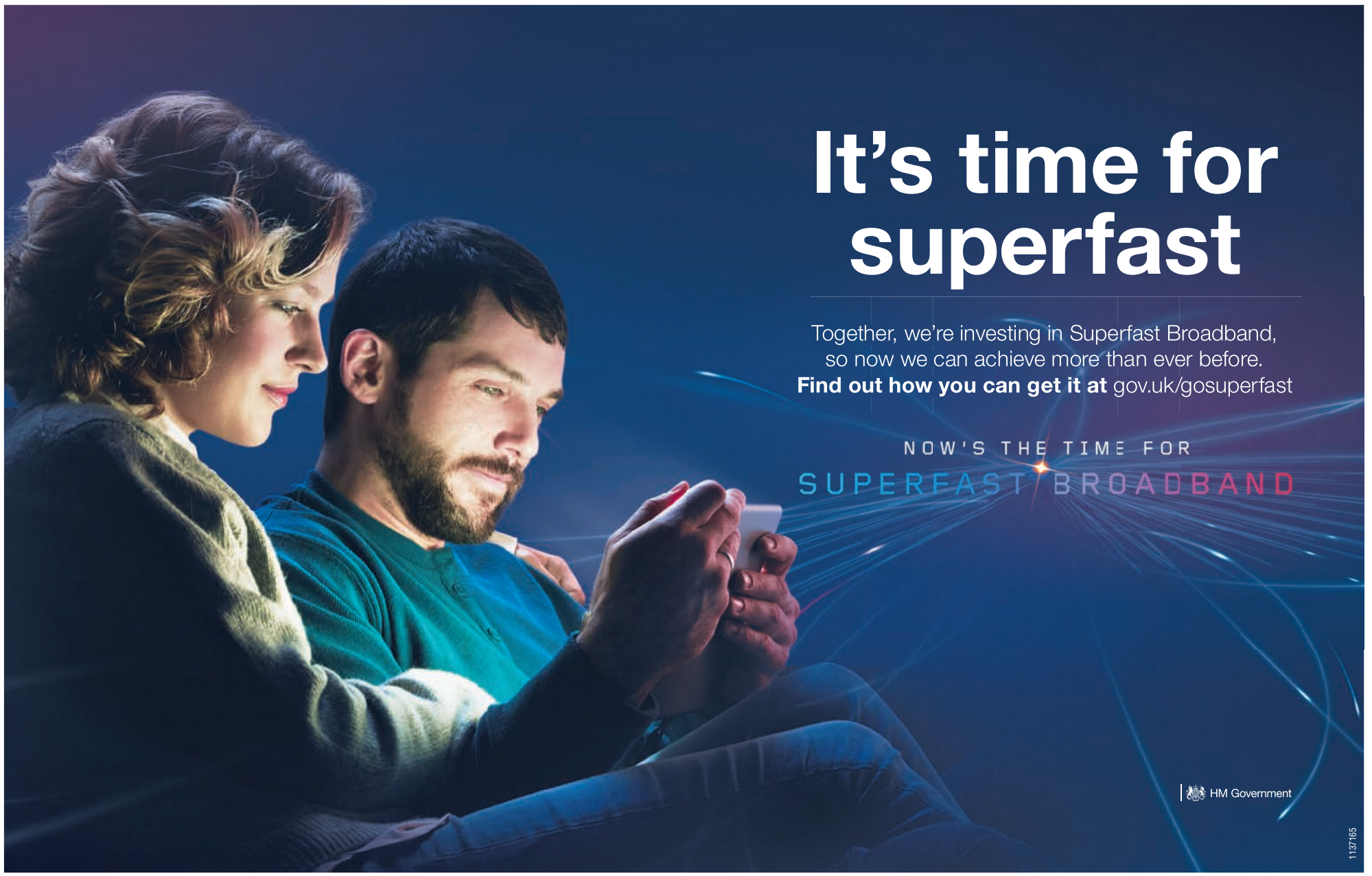
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• What happens to the six–acre site in three years' time when the gas field has run out?

• Will construction work on the six acres cause pollution of water courses from the site, having an adverse effect on wildlife and habitat?

• Who is going to maintain the six–acre 'well' sites when the gas is finished?

• The average use of each site is three years and then they move on to new sites leaving six acres of ruined land for each site and a further area of land for the new six–acre sites losing more fields of class A1 prime agricultural land. Is this a fact?

• What happens when there is damage to property from small earthquakes as triggered on the Fylde coast?

• Is it true they drill for two miles in all directions from the well heads to extract gas from under this two–mile diameter area for three years?

• Why is the government trying to rush through Parliament a bill to allow the exploration and extraction of gas from under your property without your permission?

You might like to keep this list handy when the canvassers arrive on your doorstep or even when you meet up with any politician at meetings etc.

Please ask these questions of all political parties for the sake of our future and the sake of our children's future.

Better run out of gas than food when we lose all this prime agricultural land.

Dave Corfield,
Halsall

Appeal to drivers: Please don't park on pavements

CARS that are parked irresponsibly on pavements can cause a potentially dangerous obstruction for pedestrians as it can force them onto the road and into the path of vehicles.

Newly–released research by YouGov has shown that three–quarters (74%) of people are affected by vehicles parked on the pavement.

Some groups – including people living with sight loss, older people or those with buggies – are at greater risk. 91% of respondents living with sight loss who responded to a Guide Dogs survey said that parked cars on the pavement regularly obstruct them.

You can see how dangerous pavement parking can be in real–life video footage, filmed from a guide dog's view, of a guide dog and their owner having to go out into the road to get around a car on YouTube.

I am urging the public to ensure they don't park on the pavement.

Phil Marshall,
by email

...and why are they getting away with it in Ormskirk?

WHY is a line of cars allowed to park in Church Street, Ormskirk every day, with several completely on the pavement, when there are at least five signs which clearly state: 'No parking – pedestrianised'?

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Where are the police or trafiic wardens? Perhaps we could borrow one or two from Southport.

This has gone on for quite a considerable time as the authorities seem to bury their heads in the sand when contacted.

Concerned resident,
Ormskirk

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Yo ho ho... who's going to be first to find the buried treasure? Maghull St Andrew's pupils enjoy last week's 'Be a Pirate for a Day' event. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code 01076718

Why should we council taxpayers subsidise 'free' rail travel for OAPs?

I AM appalled that our MP Rosie Cooper wants to support a group campaigning for free rail travel for West Lancs' pensioners (Champion, January 14).

Nothing is free, it would have to be paid for. Ask anyone from Sefton.

Free public travel means higher council tax.

I would object to paying more council tax subsidising free rail travel for those who already have free bus travel when my only means of public transport, i.e. the 300 bus service, has been taken away because of cost–cutting.

Get your priorities right, Ms Cooper.

Hazel Anderton,
Renacres Lane, Halsall

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A&E department is not a GP surgery

MY father was recently admitted to Southport Hospital, having suffered a stroke.

He has been in hospital for three weeks and the level of care he has received has been outstanding.

All the nursing staff, doctors and therapists within the stroke unit are caring, patient and professional. They are a credit to the NHS.

The staff not only have a fantastic rapport with my father, but make all the members of his family and friends extremely welcome. Nothing is too much trouble for them.

But I saw the problems the A&E Department has when I was waiting for the hospital to initially assess my father.

As the name suggests this is an accident and emergency unit – not a GP surgery.

While I anxiously waited as the nurses administered lifesaving care to my father I looked around the A&E room and was alarmed at the number of people who appeared fine. Around half of the patients were not wincing in pain and discomfort, but more had a look of complete boredom.

Some were happy to walk to the coffee machine and pop outside to use their mobile phones.

A&E units are over–stretched. If you ever have the misfortune to have a serious accident or emergency I am sure you too would expect the level of treatment and care my father received.

I would, therefore, appeal to people to consider carefully before they rush to A&E.

You never know, it could be your mother or father or other family members that require urgent lifesaving treatment.

Again my sincere gratitude to all the nursing staff at Southport Hospital.

Grateful,
name and address supplied

Splinter groups a breath of fresh air

I AM amazed at the letter from Alderman Bullen (January 28).

These splinter groups may be short–lived but they do a lot of good by shaking up complacency. They should be viewed like a breath of fresh air, or is there something to hide?

Also, it would be very helpful if Alderman Bullen would find the answer to the questions posed by the reader from Lathom. They were pertinent and do need answering plainly, openly and without any weasle words. This needs doing before election time.

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MP welcomes move to safeguard postal voting

WEST Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, has welcomed changes to electoral law which aims to protect the votes of those signed up to postal voting.

The Electoral Commission has campaigned since 2007 for the changes which will force electoral registration officers who are not satisfied that the signature declaration in the postal vote matches the signature kept on file, to write to the constituent informing them.

In addition to informing them that their vote has been rejected, they must then offer the voter the opportunity to supply an updated signature within six weeks.

Previously there was no obligation to inform the voter of the rejection, which could have led to many years of voting being rejected, if the officers felt there was a considerable variance in the signature.

Those voters who fail to reply within six weeks will be removed from the postal register, but are still eligible to vote at a polling station, or indeed re apply for postal voting.

It is hoped this will ensure a maximum number of valid postal votes are included in counts for future elections.

Rosie Cooper said: "I think this is a very responsible move to ensure that every voter who wishes to take part in the democratic election of their representatives, has the opportunity to and is aware of any reason why their vote may have been rejected.

"Some voters may find that their signature rejected in the next election and can then ensure they have their signature up to date. However, I would encourage any postal voters to take the opportunity now to update their signature, if they have not done so for a while and ensure the electoral registration officer accepts it in time for the General Election.

"This will also ensure the electoral registration officers can better deal with suspected fraudulent voting, as they will now work with local police on how best to respond and investigate suspected voting fraud."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper

...and signs Motor Neurone Disease Charter

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has signed the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association's Charter in recognition of the rights and priorities of people living with the condition and their carers.

Motor neurone disease kills five people in the UK every day, with half of those diagnosed dying within 14 months. There is no known cure.

The condition is little understood resulting in sufferers often not receiving the care and support they need. The MND five–point Charter aims to change this by raising awareness and understanding.

Ms Cooper said: "I am pleased to support the MND Charter. I have seen the difference good services make to the lives of people with MND and believe everyone with this devastating disease should be supported to maximise their quality of life and die with dignity."

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County council campaign to recruit foster carers

More homes needed for 1,600 children and young people in care

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE County Council is once again seeking to recruit foster carers for the 1,600–plus children and young people in the county who are in care.

Fostering means looking after a child or children in your own home as if they were part of your own family. And although it is not a paid post as such, allowances are payable depending on the age of the child.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Lancashire's a big county and we look after hundreds of children who can't live with their own families. Often they've been removed for their own protection. We need to find them safe, loving, stable places to live, sometimes at very short notice.

"We regularly appeal to the people of Lancashire to think about fostering because this is a need that doesn't go away. We need families who can offer a home to a range of children and young people, from newborn babies to teenagers, and sometimes there are brothers and sisters we want to keep together.

"I've heard fostering described as the best job in the world and I think for many people that's true. There are very few jobs that allow you to make a huge improvement in a child or young person's life – it's a very special opportunity, both for the child who is looked after and the foster carers.

"As cabinet member I'm very mindful of the parental responsibility we have for the children and young people in our care. Every time I meet foster carers I'm struck afresh by the unstinting care they provide, their enthusiasm for what they do and the rewards it is very clearly bringing them."

Barbara Bath, county fostering manager, said: "We are looking for people who are patient, flexible and who don't give up easily. There are no special qualifications – personal qualities are much more important.

"Your circumstances – such as whether you're single, married, in a same–sex relationship, employed, own your house, have your own children etc. – don't really matter.

"Fostering might be perfect for people thinking about changing direction or perhaps whose children have left home.

"There are financial allowances to cover expenses so people will not be out of pocket. And once you're approved, there is support 24/7, further training, and social events to keep you in touch with other carers if you like. It's a real network of support."

Anyone interested in finding out more about fostering can call 0800 195 1183 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

Transport talk

FORMER mechanic David Rimmer will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Burscough Heritage Group on Monday, February 9 at The Blue Mallard Restaurant, Burscough Wharf.

Dave, who worked for Lathom–based haulage firm, Harry Hague Transport in the 1960s and 70s, will talk about the history of the company from its beginnings in 1933.

The talk starts at 7.30pm and admission is £2.

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College welcomes professionals for Industry Week

WEST Lancashire College campuses played host to guest lecturers and seminars and workshops by industry professionals as part of Industry Week.

The Media Make–Up department welcomed Jane Bellis from Bellissimo.

A make–up artist and stylist for 17 years, Jane is also an experienced holistic and beauty therapist and nail technician who has led her organisation to the sought–after Investors in People Award.

She conducted a question–and–answer session with the learners interspersed with anecdotes from her career before giving a demonstration in make–up she had previously used in television advertising.

Media Make–Up students also got a taste of what's to come in the TV and film industries with a master class led by prosthetics artist, Paul Jamieson, who has worked on major productions including Channel 4's Utopia and the BBC's In the Flesh.

Beauty therapy students were also introduced to a range of industry workshops, using state–of–the art products and up–to–date techniques with the aim of preparing them for life in the workplace.

The Business Studies groups, meanwhile, took part in entrepreneurial tasks, including an Apprentice–style challenge.

A spokeswoman for West Lancashire College said: "Industry Week introduces learners to company owners and professionals from their chosen industry with the aim to prepare them for the world of work.

"We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who came to talk about their jobs and industries to help enrich the experiences of our learners."

Make–up artist Jane Bellis addresses the students

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Record number of whooper swans recorded at Martin Mere

STAFF at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre have recorded their highest number of whooper swans in 2014/2015 and they are putting it down to the cold weather.

On Thursday, January 29 staff and volunteers have counted 1,720 whooper swans on the mere, which is a record number for this migration year, running from September to March.

As the region is experiencing a cold snap, these icy temperatures have resulted in swans migrating further south from Scotland settling at the Burscough reserve until March.

The centre is offering the opportunity to witness its spectacular swan feeds twice a day until Sunday, March 15.

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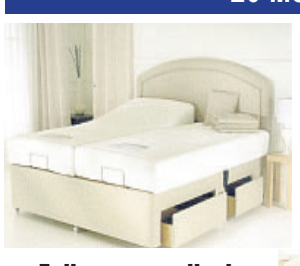

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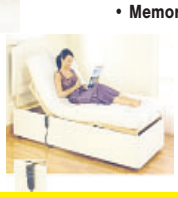

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Rail fares from Liverpool are just not fair

RAIL fares have apparently trebled since privatisation 20 years ago.

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It seems the 'walk on' open return ticket to Liverpool, which in 2005 would have cost £93, is now a whopping £309!

Now that would be bad enough as a statistic on its own. But look more closely and as usual these days, if you live in what used to be called North West England, you seem to get clobbered for train services far more than just about anyone else.

An open return from London to Edinburgh will set you back £313. Virtually the same as to Liverpool – though it is 414 miles rather than 220!

So is the Liverpool fare fair? Hardly.

Not that long ago Liverpool was pretty well served for long distance trains.

Now, unless you want to pay to travel to London, you can more or less railway whistle.

No longer can you catch a through train from Merseyside to Scotland. The train that used to run to Bournemouth now doesn't. I used to be able to travel direct to Liverpool from South Wales or get a train from Banbury to Liverpool. Manchester still has such trains.

You can still (I think) get a train direct to Newcastle or Scarborough – but these are not 'Inter City' trains, these are diesel units one step removed from ordinary commuter trains.

Mind you, I used to find the hourly (yes, hourly) service 'direct' train to Norwich a real boon. Even if the word 'direct' is something of a euphemism.

It's a Magical Mystery Tour of the Peak District and the Fens, and takes as long as catching Inter City trains from Liverpool to London, crossing the capital, and then on from London to Norwich.

But it is a beautiful and interesting journey – and you don't have to hump your luggage from Euston to Liverpool Street.

Guess what though? Yes, 'they' now want to split this through train in two, meaning a change of train in Nottingham.

Now this move has been suggested before and rebuffed. But how much longer, I wonder, will this meandering anachronism survive?

Mind you, if you are savvy and have time to spare, National Express will convey you by coach to London with an open return that costs only £39.50.

Anyway, the rail companies claim that the vast majority of their 'customers' (I still prefer to be a passenger) use pre–booked tickets. You CAN, if you're quick enough, get a return train ticket to Euston for a very reasonable £40.

But woe betide you if you miss your allotted train back. You'll be clobbered for the full fare.

And from personal experience I can tell you that if your journey crosses through several train operator's territories, things get even worse if engineering works impede your progress.

You cannot use your pre–booked ticket on other people's trains – which mean that on one occasion I was stuck with a bus journey from Peterborough to Nottingham on my way home from Norwich.

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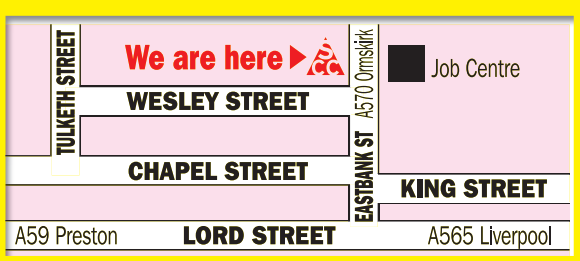

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Young families in county face nine–year wait to buy a house

Report by **Henry James**

Charity in call for more affordable homes to be built

A HOUSING and homelessness charity claims that a young couple with a child in Lancashire would have to save for more than nine years before they could afford to buy a house.

Research for Shelter looked at average wages, house prices, rents and spending on essentials to show the challenge faced by those trying to save for a home of their own in the region.

It found that couples without children face nearly five years of saving, leaving many with the difficult choice between getting on the property ladder and starting a family.

Single people face a similar challenge to couples with a child, with a wait of just under a decade until they can afford to buy.

The findings come as a separate Populus poll for Shelter shows that six in 10 parents across the country believe that young people's prospects of getting on the housing ladder have worsened over the last few years.

It also revealed that more parents feel housing prospects have worsened compared with other key issues, including youth employment and education.

Campbell Robb

Shelter says that successive governments' failure to build enough affordable housing has left millions trapped in an unstable and expensive rental market, where saving enough for their own home is now just a distant dream.

And with the General Election less than four months away, the charity is calling on politicians of all parties to commit to building more affordable homes to give young people a chance of a stable future.

Shelter's chief executive, Campbell Robb, said: "Home ownership used to be within most people's reach, but the rising shortage of affordable homes has pushed house prices up so high that for millions of young people it's now just a fantasy, however hard they work or save.

"Successive governments have announced scheme after scheme promising to help first–time buyers, but these have just papered over the cracks. The only way to make sure young people have a hope of a home of their own is for politicians to commit to building enough truly affordable homes."

Former retail boss is U3A group guest

A FORMER director of a national retailer will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Aughton & Ormskirk branch of the Uinversity of the Third Age (U3A) at Christ Church, Long Lane, Aughton on Thursday, February 5.

Peter Quaint, 84, will present a talk entitled 'The John Lewis Partnership – Then and Now', tracing his career from sales staff to boardroom.

Admission is free and the talk will commence at 10.30am and coffee will be available in the adjacent Scout and Guide building from 9.30am onwards.

Anyone wanting further information about the group, which offers a range of activities for older people, can go to their website at www.aughton–ormskirk–u3a.co.uk.

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Edge Hill student's summer date at Buckingham Palace

Report by **Dean Jones**

AN Edge Hill student who returned to education despite having been in business for many years, is set for a date at Buckingham Palace in the summer after being awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List.

Fourth year BSc (Hons) business and management student, Valerie Allen was recognised for services to the community and business in Warrington and Halton.

As well as running her own welding supplies company, Valerie has been vice–chair of Halton Chamber of Commerce for two years and is active in encouraging businesses to take on apprentices and identifying live projects for young people to work on.

Skills

She employs three apprentices at her own company and also urges local businesses to assist charities who help vulnerable young people into employment by offering services or expert advice free of charge or at reduced rates.

On receiving the award she said: "The work I do is very rewarding and I'm delighted to have been acknowledged in the New Year Honours. It's amazing, I still can't believe it!"

Edge Hill student Valerie Allen who will pick up her MBE at Buckingham Palace in the summer

Speaking about her studies at Edge Hill, she added: "Although I have been in business for many years, my studies have taught me more about the importance of strategy and planning and have given me the skills to deal with human resources and health and safety issues in–house rather than having to outsource."

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Memory Lane trip for schools chief

Report by **Dean Jones**

THE county council's schools chief took the opportunity to combine her duties with a trip down Memory Lane when she paid a visit to the primary school which her own children attended.

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy, Lancashire's lead member for schools, was visiting St Michael's CE Primary School, Aughton in her official role but also took the chance to catch up with members of staff who remembered her children, even though they are grown up now.

Cllr. Hennessy, who lives near to the school, said: "My three children went to St Michael's so it was great to go in and chat to the staff. And it was good to see what a great job the school is doing to support their pupils.

"It's a lovely school, just as I remembered. They have a fantastic 'Forest School' where the children have an opportunity to learn and play in their wooded area."

Cllr. Hennessy, whose role covers all 600–plus schools in Lancashire, added: "I feel it's important as lead member to have a visible presence at our schools to act as a link between the county council, schools and our children, young people and their families.

"We have more schools than any other county and although it's a huge task to get around as many as possible, I am having a good go at it. And it would be remiss of me not to take time out to visit my local schools that support my community here in Ormskirk.

"Our teachers work so hard and so positively in such a demanding arena that we county councillors should be seen to acknowledge their hard work and provide support when they need it. I can't always find the answers, but I do help put them in touch with the right person.

"During my visits I like to be reassured that schools are being given good support from county council officers – which is always answered favourably.

"I enquire about their Ofsted preparation and staff readiness, about our looked–after children, what the pupil premium is spent on, healthy eating, physical activity, out–of–school provision, budget, and school maintenance.

"I ask what their greatest headache is or what keeps them awake at night.

"Schools are always welcoming and I appreciate the time they set aside for me.

"I like to talk to as many pupils and staff as possible, and I have been invited to talk to their school student councils on many occasions. This is always great fun and it allows the young people time to ask some tough questions, such as why did I become a councillor!"

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy with pupils Erin McGee and Oliver Holland

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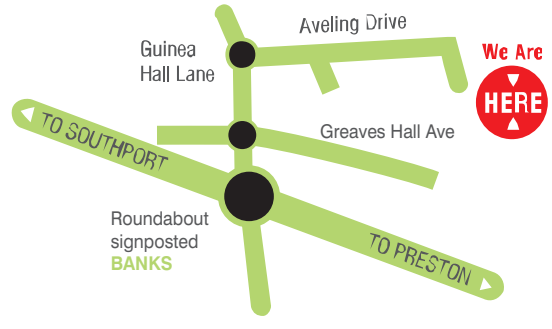

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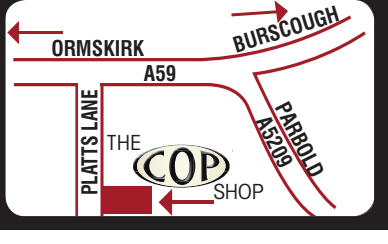

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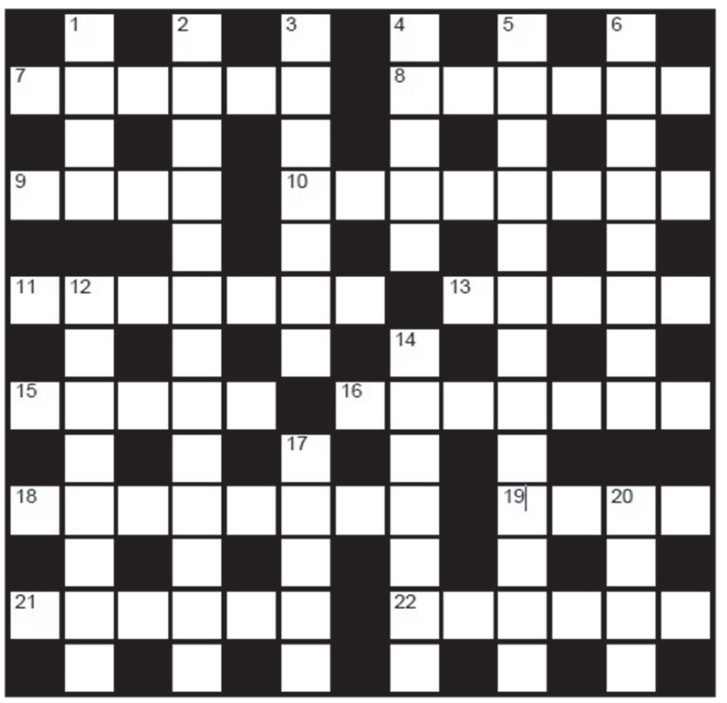

ACROSS

7 Touch lightly with the hands (6)
8 Cardinal number between 20 and 40 (6)
9 Therefore, hence (4)
10 Spinning around (8)
11 Desert, leave high and dry (7)
13 Account entry recording sum owed (5)
15 Add together (3,2)
16 Out of the ordinary (7)
18 Mining method (8)
19 Vegetable similar to cabbage with green or purple leaves (4)
21 Painful joint injury caused by twisting one's ankle for example (6)
22 A difficult question might be described as this (6)

DOWN

1 Cut into, inscribe (4)
2 Related by blood (13)
3 Sleeping place (7)
4 Condition (5)
5 Win the top prize (3,3,7)
6 Very attractive (8)
12 Primitive weapon used to propel a dart or arrow (8)
14 International law (7)
17 Shrewd (5)
20 Wrinkle (4)

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Libraries celebration day

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This year's theme, 'Unlock Your Library' aims to encourage all ages to learn about the many services available at their local library.

Julie Bell, Lancashire County Council's library manager, said: "This is an opportunity to take a fresh look at your local library and all it has to offer.

"In particular, we're reminding people that there's a wealth of high–quality digital information available at their fingertips, including many online resources that normally charge subscription fees, with the added benefit of knowing that we have validated all the resources in our digital library so the reference sites they visit are tried and tested."

The sites are free to anyone using a library computer or the Wi–Fi network in any Lancashire library. Many are also available 24/7 to library members who can log on from their own devices using their library card and PIN number.

Julie added: "Anyone can join our library service at any age, either online or by dropping in to their local library. You don't need any ID, it's free and once you've received your library card you can use it at any library in Lancashire."

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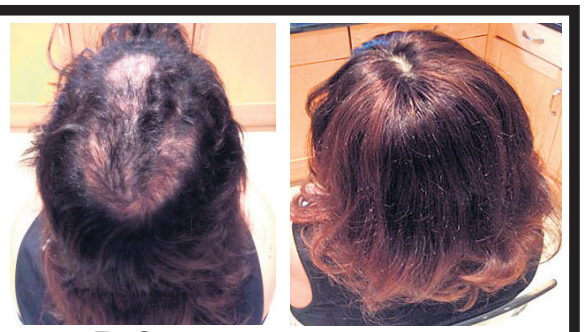

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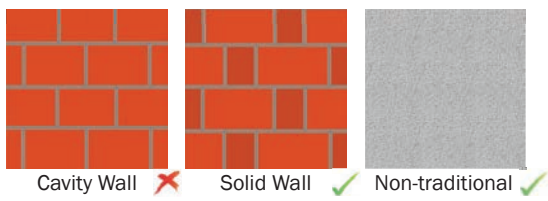

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County council advise: 'Check to see if care reforms affect you'

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council are encouraging residents to find out if they might benefit from national care and support reforms due to come in on April 1.

The Care Act will see what have been described as 'the most significant reforms in adult social care for more than 60 years.'

For the first time there will be a new national eligibility test that all councils will have to use when they assess what help they can give people who may need care and support. As a result, wherever you live in England if you meet the national benchmark you will be entitled to support.

The act will also put carers on the same footing as the people they care for, by giving them the right to their own assessment and support from their local council. This could be practical support, like being able to take a break from caring responsibilities, or carers may be entitled to a direct payment to spend on things that will make it easier to carry on caring as well as looking after themselves.

Carers will be entitled to an assessment even if the person they care for does not get any help from the council, or the person being cared for does not want their own assessment.

In Lancashire there are more than 100,000 carers, many of whom could be eligible for this help.

Additionally, people should not have to sell their homes in their lifetime to pay for care home costs. Instead, 'deferred payment agreements', which some councils already offer, will be available across the whole country.

Under the agreements some people will be able to have an arrangement with their council that will let them use the value of their home to cover the cost of their residential or nursing care. In these cases, the council would pay the residential bills and allow people to delay repaying the cost until they choose to sell their home, or until they die.

And from April 2016 there will be a limit on the care costs people have to pay. This means that no one will have to pay more than £72,000 towards the care element of the costs of meeting their needs in their lifetime, and many people will pay much less.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "We already provide help and support to nearly 30,000 people across Lancashire, together with 17,000 carers. These could be carers who need a well–earned break, people moving to Lancashire from another part of the country, or an older person looking to move to a care home without having the worry and upset of selling their home to pay the bills.

"So, if you think you may need help, please call us to get advice about your situation."

People who already receive care and support from the county council do not need to do anything. Their services will be reviewed in the normal way.

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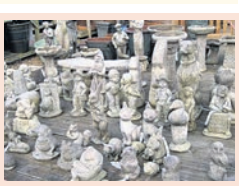
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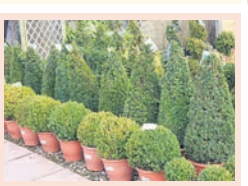
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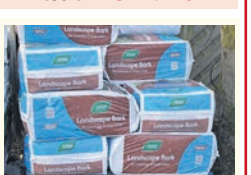
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And the Champion has a family ticket to give away for the opening night of the show at the Liverpool Echo Arena on March 18.

In a new twist on fairytale fun, comical segments from everyone's favourite Disney characters set the scene for the show stopping on–ice stories of princesses Ariel, Rapunzel and Belle.

Plus, enjoy a special appearance by Anna and Elsa from the Academy Award winning and number one animated feature film of all time, Disney's Frozen!

Produced by Feld Entertainment, Magical Ice Festival is an enchanting mix of royalty, highlighting the stories of Disney's most beloved heroines with energetic choreography that will have audiences singing, dancing and cheering their favourite Disney characters as they each embark on their own epic journeys.

Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse guide fans through an enchanting wonderland

Disney On Ice is coming to Liverpool

where they encounter Sebastian and the Daughters of Triton from Disney's The Little Mermaid, the rowdy pub thugs from Disney's Tangled and the loyal enchanted servants from Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

"By pulling together moments from classic Disney stories to the newest feature film sensation Frozen and combining them with elements of comedy and music, we developed a truly unique way to re–tell each fairytale," says show producer Juliette Feld.

To be in with a chance of winning a family ticket for Disney On Ice presents Magical Ice Festival, all you have do is answer the following question and send your entry to: Disney Competition, The Champion, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR90QA.

Q: In the Disney film Frozen, who likes warm hugs?'

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Pupils' wood trip

PUPILS from Westhead Lathom St James' CE Primary School visited Ruff Wood to see the improved features including new animal sculptures, new benches and better paths, funded by receipts received by the council from new housing developments in Derby ward.

They were joined by ward councillor Adrian Owens, council officials and groundwork staff. Cllr. Owens said: "The improvements make the wood much easier to access for people with mobility difficulties, bringing the enjoyment of this little gem to a greater number of people."

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Police precept rise approved

LANCASHIRE police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw's proposal for a 1.99% increase to the police precept has been accepted by members of the county's police and crime panel.

Mr Grunshaw's proposal follows a six–week exercise which gathered comments from more than 2,400 people from all parts of the county.

The panel approved Mr Grunshaw's recommendations at a meeting on January 26.

The commissioner said: "Lancashire residents have told me by three to one that they support an increase in the council tax precept to help fund police. More than 2,400 people had their say as part of the extensive consultation which is up 600 responses on previous years and goes to show how strongly people feel about their police.

"In all, 75% of the respondents said they would like to see an increase of more than 2%, with 52% prepared to pay up to an extra 5% in order to help reduce the cuts facing the police budget this year. The remaining 25% said they wanted to freeze the charge."

The commissioner's survey asked residents if they wanted to freeze the precept at the current £156 a year average band D bill amount; increase it by 2% or 6p per week to around £159 a year; or increase it by 5% or 15p a week to around £163 a year.

He added: "I explained that raising the precept is one way we can help mitigate some – but not all – of the cuts we face. An increase of 2% is worth £1.2m to the police budget each year."

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Local travel team enjoy awards event success

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF at the Skelmersdale branch of a national travel agent have picked up prizes at the company's regional awards event for 2014.

Employees at Hays Travel in the Concourse shopping centre impressed the judges at the event held at the Village Hotel in Bromborough.

Joanne Neill was named top sales consultant, regaining the award she also picked up last year, while the assistant branch manager of the year accolade went to Claire Say.

The unit was also named foreign exchange shop of the year, following last year's triumph in the ancillary sales of the year award.

Manager, Kathryn Levens, who was named shop manager of the year in 2012, said: "We competed against 17 shops from across the North West division and our success is down to our team who are very good. They go beyond the call of duty.

"We often get gifts and letters from customers who say they will definitely recommend us to their friends. They are often complimentary.

"It is good that we have received this recognition over the last few years and we are pleased to receive the prizes.

"The competition is always very strong and it's a fantastic achievement to receive these prizes.

"I am very proud of the team and we will be working hard to maintain this level of service.

"At a time when shops are closing, we are going from strength to strength. We have only been open three years but we have an established team in place at the Concourse."

• RIGHT: The Skem Hays Travel team

County's adoption team host information evening

PEOPLE thinking about starting or growing their family through adoption are invited to an information evening.

The event will be held this evening (Wednesday, February 4) at County Hall, on Fishergate Hill in Preston, from 6 to 7.30pm.

Following a short presentation, members of Lancashire County Council's adoption team, including social workers, will be available to answer questions, talk individuals through the process and offer confidential advice.

Dalton St Michael's CE Primary school athletics team celebrate winning the West Lancs Small Schools finals. Code1074782

Young athletes on their marks for county finals

SPORTY pupils from Dalton St Michael's CE Primary School proudly display their medals after winning the West Lancs section of the Level 3 Athletics competition at St Bede's.

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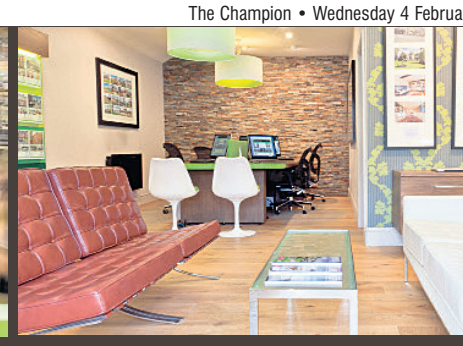

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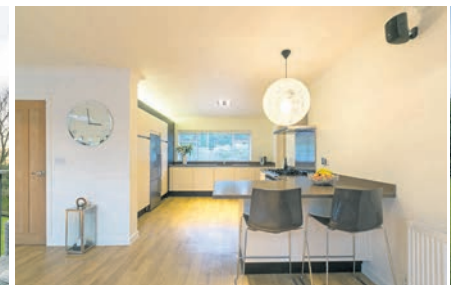

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Every so often at Regan & Hallworth we list a property that clearly stands out from the crowd, a special property that delivers the wow factor, and something that is a little different from the norm. Oaklands is just such a property. Its owners have re-modelled, extended and completely transformed the property into a simply stunning contemporary family home of the highest calibre. Offering a generous 2762 SQ.FT of living space arranged over two floors this home offers contemporary living at its best. Gorsey lane is located within the pretty village of Mawdesley; it is an established highly prized location that is home to some of the area's best properties. Oaklands rests in a generous sized plot, with secure electric gated access and double garage. The private south facing rear garden plot is delightful and is the perfect environment to raise a family. The living accommodation features a truly spectacular open plan living space with full height ceilings and a wall of bi-folding fully glazed doors, which make a real design statement. The doors open out on to an equally impressive oak timer decked patio that overlooks the rear garden and runs the whole width of the property. A hot tub is set down into the large deck, which has been carefully positioned to enjoy the sunny southerly aspect and rural outlook across the garden and open fields beyond. The sleek 'Siematic' designer kitchen has been carefully designed to include integral storage drawers and appliances and features a professional 'Falcon' range cooker. There is also a sizeable utility room. A separate home office, gym room, wash room and play room have also been incorporated into the ground floor design. The first floor provides four bedrooms and a stylish full size family bathroom that features both bath tub and separate shower cubical. There is also a designer en-suite shower room located off the impressively sized master bedroom.

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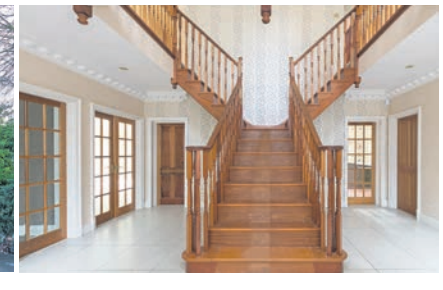

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Animal artists return to Mere

Report by **Henry James**

THE Association of Animal Artists are to display a selection of their work at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this February and March.

The association will be showcasing a wide variety of work, from water colours, to collages and various other types of wildlife themed art from both amateur and professional artists alike.

As part of this year's exhibit, both Julie Cross, who is a two time winner of the BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year award in the World Mammals Category and Su Melville, who won a prize in the Association of Animal Artists' annual competition in 2014, will be hosting informal demonstrations of their work from 10 am – 3pm in the exhibition hall on Saturday, February 14. Last year, Julie Cross was awarded the Wildlife Art Society's Christopher Parsons Award for Artistic Excellence.

The association was founded in 2009 and was set up to support animal artists in order to promote and exhibit their artwork. The AAA will be showcasing a vast selection of their work daily in the exhibition hall near the main admissions desk on the way into the centre.

Last year's exhibition was a huge success, with the AAA generating over £2,500 over its two month display.

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The work of Julie Cross **Code NA**

This show is 'great family fun'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

• Beauty and the Beast
• West End Players
• Lord Street West Church Hall

This is a true, old–fashioned pantomime by the last of Southport's church hall drama groups with colourful costumes and an intelligent script by Ben Crocker making for a fast–moving show with lots of humour.

Kay Billingsley and Adele O'Neill make a charming couple as The Prince and Beauty while Neil Spruce gives the Beast a poignancy which endeared him to the audience despite having been turned into a monster by the Wicked Witch (Dorothy Hughes).

John Husdell with his beguiling French accent, turns in a delightful comic performance as Felix the Poodle and Greta Wharton shines as Beauty's Mum.

Jenny Robson, makes her WEP'S debut, sparkled as Capucine, who is in love with Beauty's brother, Jacques (Jan Husdell).

Unfortunately, it was predominately adults in attendance on the Friday evening so it lacked the atmosphere of the Saturday matinee which boasted a packed crowd full of children who contributed the obligatory boos and the shouts with gusto.

Wendy Aspin and Diana Draper direct the show. Margaret Prew provided piano accompaniment and the choreographer is Chloe Ackers who, as guest vocalist, shows great professionalism as she sings delightful renditions of Beauty and the Beast, Let it Go from Frozen and Eternal Flame. Star Rating 7 out of 10. Great family fun.

Adele O'Neill and Kay Billingsley as Beauty and The Prince. Photo by Ron Ellis **Code NA**

Blues Brothers hoping to excite theatre audiences

The Chicago Blues Brothers coming to town **Code NA**

FOLLOWING their successful international Sweet Home Chicago tour, The Chicago Blues Brothers are now returning to the UK with a new action packed show and will be at Southport Theatre on Saturday, March 14 at 7.30pm.

It was all the way back in 1978 that John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd (aka Joliet Jake Blues & Elwood J Blues!) first unleashed the might that was to become The Blues Brothers on the NBC show Saturday Night Live coast to coast in the United States of America. Did Belushi and Aykroyd realise they would initiate an abundance of folk wearing pork pie hats and dark glasses, all professing to be on a mission from God?

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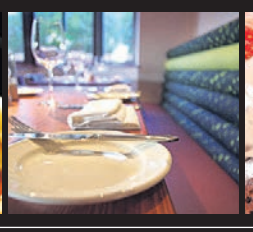
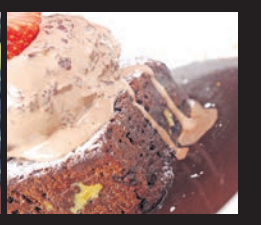

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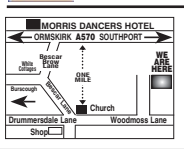

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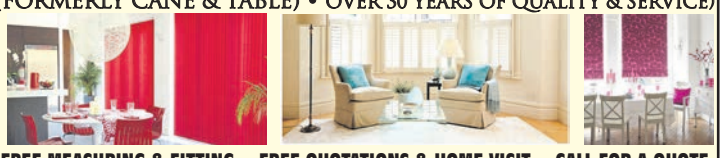
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Tender closing date 12 noon, Friday 6th March 2015.

Tender details available from Property and Facilities Management, 3rd Floor, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ. Telephone 0151 934 3245 or e-mail caroline.green@sefton.gov.uk for details.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0019/FUL Erection of a 6 stable block with open barn on hard standing. Establishment of a 25 x 60 m riding area with a sand/fibre surface on land used for grazing horses at Middle Place, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2015/0059/COU Siting of five static caravans for use as seasonal workers accommodation at Marsh View, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2015/0061/COU Change of use of sandwich shop to hot food takeaway and installation of a flue on rear elevation at 22A Liverpool Road North, Burscough.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2014/0468/FUL Two detached replacement dwellings at Land South Of Entrance To Pilkington Technology Centre, Hall Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

Application No: 2015/0040/FUL* Single storey kitchen extension to west elevation. Replacement porch to south elevation. Insertion of additional windows to south and east elevation and alterations to internal layout. Erection of detached double garage and store at Giants Hall, Culvert Lane, Newburgh.

Application No: 2015/0041/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey kitchen extension to west elevation. Replacement porch to south elevation. Insertion of additional windows to south and east elevations and alterations to internal layout. Erection of detached double garage and store at Giants Hall, Culvert Lane, Newburgh.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

* Householder Applications

In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning

Dated: 4th February 2015
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GUY Albert

26th August 1917 - 8th January 2015

Jay and Alison Guy would like to thank everyone for their cards, expressions of symapthy, offers of help and support during our sad time and for their donations to the chosen charities.

Our special thanks to all those who managed to attend the service, where laughter, smiles and fond memories of a wonderful father, father-in-law and true friend to all who he knew, over shadowed the sadness of the day.

We must also thank Alan Gwyther and the staff at MJ Brookfield for their flawless arrangements for the Celebration of Albert's Life.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Eaton Dianne

Jackie and family would like to say a sincere thank you to relatives and friends for all their support and kindness at this sad time.

A special thank you to Rev. Martin Abarms for the lovely service, a celebration of Dianne's life and a special thank you to Carl and his staff at Howard's Funeral Directors for an excellent, caring and professional service.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

PENLINGTON ALAN

Madeline would like to say a big thank you to all family and friends for all your much appreciated support at this very sad time. Thank you to all friends at Eton Court and Holy Trinity Church especially to Canon. Rev. Rod Garner for his wonderful funeral service. Thank you to The Ferns Nursing Home for looking after Alan and finally thank you to Carl and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for your caring and professional funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

HACKETT GEORGE (BEM)

1 Aug 1927 - 13 Jan 2015

Passed away peacefully at home in Southport

George, dearly loved, brother of Leslie and Jean, uncle of Jeff & Barbara and great-uncle of Gareth & Graeme. He will be Sadly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th February at 10:00am. Family flowers only, thank-you, with any donations to be made directly to the RNIB. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

Glover Kitty

Passed away 28th January 2015, aged 78

Lord put your arms around her, and kiss her smiling face, For she is very special, and can never be replaced.

All our love, Donna, Stevie, Sophie & Mia

xxxx

45237

DEATHS

Beconsall Dora

21st January 2015

Peacefully, aged 92

Dearly loved Wife of the late George. Much loved Mum of Muriel, Ray and Valerie, Mother in law of Eddie, Angie and Paul.

Dear Grandma to Claire, Steven, Richard, Anna and Kelly and a loving Great Grandma to Max, Niall, Mia, Orin, Lottie, Violet and Zach.

Funeral service to be held at Hesketh Lane Methodist Church on Monday 9th February at 1.30pm, followed by Southport Crematorium at 2.40pm.

Family flowers only please, if desired donations to Cancer Research.

All enquiries to H and G Wilde Funeral Directors 01772 335 974.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

Eric Deakin MBE

7th February 1930

Sadly missed

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BIRTHDAYS

Jimmy Sutton

Grandad, Great Grandad and Our Hero on your

100th BIRTHDAY

10th February

Much love always from Andrea, Ron, Joseph and Thomas x x

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PRAYER

Saint Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude

Instructions:
Light your candle and declare out loud what miracle you need right now. Repeat this prayer 9 times for 9 days. Do this at the same time each day, never skip a day. If you do, you need to start over again. On the 9th day give thanks, and say "So be it." Give it up to Saint Jude and let go of any worry. You will see results in 72 hours. Never use this prayer to manipulate or control anyone. Use it only with the best intentions.

This is the most important part of the entire process YOU MUST pass this miracle prayer onto others. Some people publish it in the paper, others e-mail it to their friends, and others post it a public building.

c.m

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

BARBER

Mrs Enid Barber and family would like to thank everyone who attended Jim's funeral and for the many donations for Guide Dogs.

Also grateful thanks to Dr Jay Modha and consultant Mr Oelbaurm and all at Southport I.C.U. for all their kindness and care over many years.

God bless you all

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Lloyd Roy Lawrence

Dorothy & family would like to thank all relatives, friends & neighbours for their comforting words and for all their support at this very sad time. Special thanks to Danny, the doctors and nurses from the Grange Surgery, staff at Queenscourt at Home, all the doctors & nurses on wards 10a & 9b at Southport Hospital and all other supporting services. Also many thanks to all who donated to the P.S.P.A in memory of Roy. Also thank you to Rev. Brian Stannard & Peter Goulding and all the staff at MJ Brookfield Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Sumner (Nee Caunce) Tracey Jean

December 22nd 2014

Tracey's family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their help and support during this sad time. Generous donations are given to MacMillan Nurses and Astley Ward at Wigan Infirmary. A very special thank you to Rev Judith Ball for the beautiful funeral service and to all staff at Banks Funeral Directors for their care and consideration with the funeral arrangements.

45156

DEATHS

WILTSHIRE Ian Robert

Passed away 11th January 2015

Aged 74

Suddenly at home

Greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service will be held at Thornton Crematorium on Monday 9th February at 2.40pm.

Enquiries to M.J. Brookfield 73 - 75 Shakespeare Street, Southport. Tel 01704 532106

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DEATHS

Little Patricia Betty

24-01-2015

Died peacefully at home with her family by her side after a long battle with cancer

Dearly loved wife of Jim and precious Mum of Malcolm and Debbie. Family only service at Crematorium. Thanks giving service at Birkdale URC, Trafalgar Road at 14.30 on Friday 13th February 2015. Family flowers only please, however family would gratefully appreciate donations to Queenscourt Hospice Southport. Further enquiries to Gibbs Funeral Directors, 6a Clarence Rd, PR8 4BH. Tel 01704 551666.

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BIRTHS

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on 14th January 2015, weighing 7lb 6oz

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IN MEMORIAM

Blakeman Doreen

3rd February 2014

It has been one long sad year Since you went to a better world, You have never left us, You are always with us.

Love Rodd and family

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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

M.S

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Batty Alan Charles

Joan, Ian and Ashley would sincerely like to thank all relatives and friends for all the overwhelming support and kindness they have given to us following the passing of Alan. The doctors & nurses at Ainsdale Medical Centre and Southport Hospital Ward 7A and 14A and All Care Community Services were all so dedicated in their attention to him. To Reverend Harry Ross for his attention to the details in the service. Also to Howards Funeral Directors for all their advice and support. Thank you all

45158

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Nugent Brian

Peggy would like to express her gratitude to all family, friends and neighbours for their support and kind donations to R.S.P.C.A. Thank you to all the staff at Southport Hospital involved in Brian's care and to Rev. Martin Abrams for the lovely tribute to Brian's life. Thank you very much to Carl Howard and everyone at Howard's Funeral Directors for the thoughtful funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

WRIGHT Ethel May

19th January 2015

Peacefully in hospital . Aged 94 years.

Much loved wife of the late David. Dearest mum of Frank, Joan and Roy. Mother-in-law of Maureen, Bill and Janet. Devoted grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma. Funeral service will take place at All Saints' Church, Hesketh Bank on Friday 6th February 2015 at 1.00pm, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only, but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to W H Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston PR4 6UP. Tel: 01772 812 409.

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DEATHS

PARK Kenneth

28th January 2015

Peacefully in Aughton Park Care Home. Aged 98 years.

Devoted husband of the late Isabel, dearly loved Father of Keith, beloved Grandad of Anthony & James. Funeral service at Christ Church Aughton on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 1.00pm followed by Interment at St. Michael's Churchyard, Aughton. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Clatterbridge Cancer Research no. 722. Donations and further enquiries please to Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel 01695 424888.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 – SECTION 20
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 – REGULATIONS 19 AND 20

Sefton Council

Local Plan for Sefton

Sefton Council has prepared a new Local Plan which will replace the current Sefton Unitary Development Plan policies (June 2006). The Local Plan will set out the Council's planning framework for future development in the Borough until 2030. It includes policies and proposals for development that will meet Sefton's housing and employment needs and address a range of key issues facing the Borough.

The Council proposes to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, along with the required supporting documents. Prior to this, the Council are inviting representations about the Local Plan which they propose to submit to the Secretary of State. All representations will be submitted to the Secretary of State with the Local Plan and considered by an independent Planning Inspector. The Proposed Submission Local Plan was published on Friday 30th January 2015 and the Council are inviting representations to be submitted on this document, and its supporting evidence. All representations must be received, in writing, by no later than Friday 27th March 2015. Representations received after this date will not be accepted and anonymous representations will not be considered.

All documents are available to view on the Council's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/localplan and at the Sefton Council Planning offices at Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 3NJ (Mondays to Thursdays 9am – 5pm and Fridays 9am – 4pm). Copies of the Local Plan, Policy Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, statement of representations procedure and the representation form, will also be available to view at the Sefton Council Libraries in Southport, Bootle, Formby, Crosby, Maghull and Netherton, (see http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schools-learning/libraries/your-local-library.aspx for Library opening times).

It is preferred that comments be submitted on the representations form found on the website. Representations can also be submitted by e-mail to Local.plan@sefton.gov.uk or by letter to the Sefton Council Planning Offices at Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 3NJ. Hard copies of the Local Plan Publication document and supporting documents may be purchased from the Council at its office. Details of charges are available on the website at www.sefton.gov.uk/localplan.

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PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

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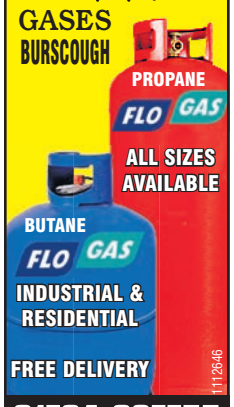

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Why the Audi A5 is too relaxed to be impressive

The German motor won't challenge your skills as a driver

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HERE'S one to discuss next time you're at the pub. What is the coolest car from Audi's current range?

Last time I delved into this particular discussion, the nominations for this year's Coolest Audi Award were the RS5, largely for being a modern–day equivalent of Gene Hunt's Quattro, the R8 because you can pretend it's a Lamborghini in a boring suit, and the S1 because it's a beltingly quick hot hatch.

In fact, I've long maintained the only Audi even vaguely within sniffing distance of being cool is the A7. Not the hugely powerful, range–topping RS7 version either. Just the basic A7 in its purest form, because it's the only big Audi which doesn't have the baggage of being a tailgater's favoured set of wheels.

The Audi A5 is great at eating up the miles with very little effort for the driver **Code NA**

That's probably why I've found driving the A7's baby brother – the A5 Sportback – over the past few days such an eye–opener.

If you're in the market for a sleek, family–friendly express for between £25–35k it's well worth a look, because it's pleasingly proportioned, roomier than you'd expect a coupe–esque five–door to be, and built with the sort of attention to detail that'd give the scientists at CERN sleepless nights.

Yet its trump card – and one it shares with all the A3s and A4s I've driven over the past few years – is also why I suspect I'm forever encountering A5 drivers thundering past me on the motorway at improbable speeds. It is, put simply, a piece of cake to drive at very high speeds.

At 70mph in sixth, the 2.0 litre turbodiesel engine in the one I'd borrowed wasn't even nudging 2000rpm – in other words, it was barely breaking into a sweat. It's not even fast in a particularly sporty way that eggs you on to go faster; it's just that the Audi is so composed at this sort of speed it shrugs it off.

The temptation is to settle into the A5's natural groove – the sort of three figure speeds you'll see perfectly standard Audis doing every day on German autobahns. The reason why you see so many cars with four rings on the front doing upwards of 85mph is because doing so requires absolutely no effort whatsoever from the driver, who's only really there to dial in the occasional steering input to stop it hitting the central reservation.

The A5 is a superbly talented bit of kit, but I prefer my executive expresses to be a bit more involving. That'll be the Jaguar XF, then.

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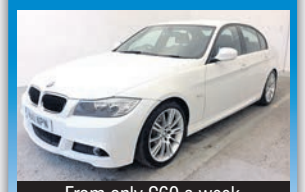

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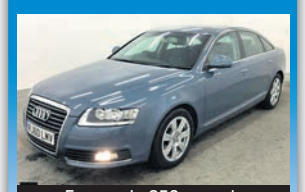

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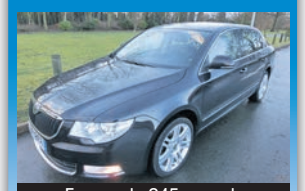

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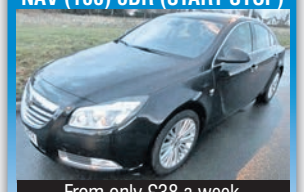

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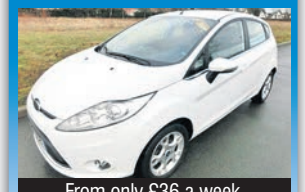

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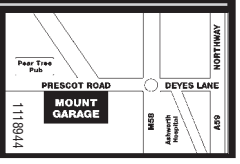

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Victory search goes on

Burscough 2
Scarborough Athletic 3

BURSCOUGH'S search for their first league win of 2015 continued on Saturday as they slipped to this odd goal in five defeat at the hands of their Yorkshire visitors in this Evo–Stik Northern Premier League First Division North clash.

The victory took the visitors into fourth place in the table while the Linnets remain in 15th.

Recent signing Tom Corner gave Athletic a 10th–minute lead that Matty Plummer doubled on the half–hour mark.

Paul Williams pulled the Linnets back into the game six minutes later, only for Jimmy Ghaichem to restore Boro's two–goal lead less than a minute after that.

Nick Ryan reduced the deficit for the home men again on the hour but Boro held on to seal the points.

Academy seeking recruits

BURSCOUGH FC Youth Academy is looking for new recruits aged 16 to 18.

They are inviting school leavers and their parents to a football match/recruitment event they are hosting in partnership with Elite Sports Academy at Victoria Park, on Tuesday, February 17 from 6 to 8pm.

Ideally, they are looking to recruit students interested in combining football with study for a BTEC in sport from September.

There will be a match followed by a meeting with representatives of Burscough FC and Elite Sports Academy, so players need to take their football kit and boots.

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Chairman steps down but club steps up drive for sponsorship and support

SKELMERSDALE United have announced the resignation, after only eight months in office, of chairman, Chris Lloyd.

Former chairman, Paul Griffiths has been asked by the board to step back into the role and Norman Fenney has taken on the role of vice–chairman.

Meanwhile, the club is currently pursuing financial sponsorships to underpin and sustain their cash–flow until the end of the season.

Promotion to the next tier of the non–league pyramid, Conference North, would take the club back to the level it achieved following the Amateur Cup success at Wembley in 1971.

Then average home gates were between 1,000 and 1,500 and the club would like to see the current average of 285 boosted to around 400/450.

In addition to seeking financial support from local companies, the club is keen to welcome more local people through the turnstiles.

A club statement declared: "We will continue to move forward with our plan for promotion and the board of directors have themselves invested heavily alongside all our sponsors especially, Messenger Express, our main sponsor. We have also recently lodged plans with the local planning authority to further develop the covered standing area at the ground.

"Any company or individual who feels they can help financially can contact club chairman Paul Griffiths on 07513123164 or vice–chairman Norman Fenney on 01695 575958.

"Skelmersdale United FC is a club of the community and for the community and any support you can offer will be gratefully received."

Home run could be key to title hopes

By **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United are entering a three–week period that could have a crucial bearing on whether they have the credentials to lift the Evo–Stik Premier Division title.

They currently lead the table by eight points but other teams behind them have games in hand so they must make the most of any opportunities that are offered.

United are at home on all the next three weekends and all the games on paper are winnable, making a yield of nine points a realistic target – nine points that could give a big boost to their championship hopes.

The run begins this Saturday when Stamford make the long trip up from South Lincolnshire for a second–ever match at Stormy Corner.

Next Saturday, Matlock Town travel to Stormy and on Saturday, February 21 King's Lynn Town will arrive from Norfolk.

All are return fixtures and Skelmersdale picked up seven points from the away trips to the three venues, so Tommy Lawson's hopes will justifiably be high.

Martin Fearon – back in light training

Back in October Skem went to Stamford and returned with a very commendable 3–1 victory under their belts, Aidan Kirkbride and a brace from Connor McCarthy doing the damage.

The Daniels have since then struggled a bit for form and are sitting in 17th position in the table with 34 points from 29 games.

But there is a twist that Skelmersdale will have to be aware of – Stamford have won seven times on the road and only Skem, Ilkeston and Buxton can boast a better away win record. So they will be well versed in how to manufacture a victory on away soil.

Tommy Lawson will again have Steve James donning the goalkeeper's gloves. The youngster, who is on loan from Preston North End, has impressed the Skelmersdale management.

But there is news about injured goalkeeper Martin Fearon, who is back in light training. According to Tommy Lawson this week he is still feeling the knee, but it is vastly improved.

Another injury absentee is Tom Ince, who injured his knee in the game at Stamford. Tom is said to be improving well and Tommy is hopeful that he will available for the run–in to the end of the season.

Richmond's quick–fire treble blows rivals away

Poulton Town 2
Burscough Richmond 3

THE Poulton captain's decision to play against the strong wind in the first half after winning the toss proved crucial in this West Lancs League 1 clash at Cottam Hall as his side went three goals down in the opening minutes, writes George Clandon.

At least two of the goals could be attributed to the effect of the wind, although credit must be given to Jimmy Hanson who cleverly took advantage of the conditions.

From their very first corner kick, the Richmond winger floated the ball against the stiff breeze with a pinpoint cross and with the home defence deceived it was deflected into the net by striker Mike Galliers.

And five minutes later Jordan Lorde forced another corner after good build–up work. This time Hanson's kick sent the ball spinning to the head of Chris Andrews at the near post and the tall midfielder's angled header went wide of Poulton keeper Brown to put Richmond two up.

The third came on the 15–minute mark when a Mike Edwards found Hanson in space and the little winger strode into the box before lashing the ball past Brown.

The home side gradually started to come to terms with the elements and they were awarded what apeared to be harsh penalty against young Richmond full–back Ryan Blackwell for handball.

Tom Shacklady did well to save the initial spot kick but the ball rebounded to Eastwood who fired home – despite the visitors' protests that he had encroached – to make it 1–3 at the interval.

After the break it was the hosts' turn to make use of the elements and they pulled another goal back within 10 minutes of the restart when striker Matt Landiss took advantage of slack marking to give Shacklady no chance.

This prompted a siege by the home side in search of the equaliser and they did find the net again only for the effort to be ruled out for offside.

The Richmond back line and goalkeeper then excelled themselves in a great rearguard action with full–back Lee Morton being awarded man of the match as the visitors held out to take all three valuable points.

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